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#### HONORING BILL FRANCE JR.

#### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to William Clifton "Bill" France, who passed away Monday, June 4, 2007, at his home in Daytona Beach, Florida. It was my honor to have known and worked with Bill France over the past years. Known by friends as "Bill Jr.," he was a legend in American motorsports.

The son of NASCAR's founder, he was born in Washington, DC on April 4th, 1933. His family moved to Daytona Beach in 1934 where his father, William France, Sr., began establishing the world's most famous racing circuit and a national sports phenomenon.

Bill Jr. graduated from Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach in 1951 where he played on the basketball team. He attended the University of Florida and served in the United States Navy from 1953 to 1955.

After his service in the Navy, Bill Jr. found the love of his life, Ms. Betty Jane Zachary, who became the mother of his two children, Brian France and Lesa Kennedy. Both of his children and his wife were instrumental in the success of what is now "the most watched American sport," NASCAR.

Bill Jr. did not begin his journey as CEO. He started working his way up the ranks holding positions as a flagman, concierge, race scorer and other jobs. In 1959, he even drove a bulldozer and a grater during the construction of the Daytona International Speedway before becoming Co-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

With the passing of Bill France, American motorsports has lost a great leader, our country and State have lost an outstanding citizen and I have lost a wonderful friend. He will be remembered as a patriotic American, a pillar of our community, a respected businessman, a compassionate husband and a loving father. To his wife Betty Jane, his son Brian, his daughter Lesa France Kennedy, his brother James, his three grandchildren and the all of the France family, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Bill France's contributions and ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives of the 110th Congress to join me in remembering a great American.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. WALLY BAILEY FOR HIS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN BUILDING SAFETY AND FIRE PROTECTION

#### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Wally Bailey, a resident of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and his group's recent visit to Capitol Hill during this year's annual recognition of Building Safety Week. On May 9, Mr. Bailey led a delegation of members of the International Code Council to meet with Congress to discuss nationally focused concerns in building safety and fire prevention. This year ICC's delegation focused specifically on a proposal to create a Community Building Code Administration Grant Program, and Mr. Bailey spoke to me persuasively of how this program would expand and support the quality and effectiveness of building code and fire code administration in underserved areas of our country.

Mr. Bailey serves as President of the Board of Directors of the International Code Council, a volunteer role to which he was elected in national leadership of a membership association of over 42,000 building safety and fire prevention professionals. It is this group that develops the building and fire codes that are in use all across our country for the construction and maintenance of our residential and commercial buildings, including the homes and the businesses, schools, and places of worship we visit regularly. These codes, created and maintained through a voluntary consensus development process, are in use by over 22,000 U.S. jurisdictions, including those who govern the quality, safety and energy efficiency of building construction at the local, State and Federal levels.

For the past three decades, Mr. Bailey has been a tireless advocate for building safety through superior building codes and effective building code administration. As the Director of Development and Construction for the City of Fort Smith, he supervises activities of a multi-disciplined department that governs codes administration, inspections, plan review, property maintenance, historic preservation and land development. As a matter of note, 2 years ago he celebrated a quarter century of service to the City. Since 1999, in addition to his work with the City of Fort Smith, Mr. Bailey has served in leadership positions with the ICC, culminating in his present role as President of the Board. Besides his being a distinguished citizen of my District, in my opinion, ICC's membership elected a leader who is an outstanding public safety professional and a truly dedicated public servant.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the rest of the ICC delegation who visited Capitol Hill during Building Safety Week 2007, and thank them for their efforts to promote and defend a safe and sound built-environment. Those individuals include: Board

Vice President Steven Shapiro, Board Secretary/Treasurer Adolph Zubia, Immediate Past President of the Board Henry Green; Board members Gregori Anderson, Edwin Berkel, James Brothers, John Darnall, William Dupler, Gerald George, Greg Johnson, Barbara Koffron, John LaTorra, Ronald Lynn, Doug Murdock, Ronald Piester, and James Ryan; ICC Government Relations Advisory Committee members Rebecca Baker, James Martin, Betts Nixon, Emory Rodgers, and George Wiggins; ICC Chapter Leaders Paul Aston, Roger Axel, Kurt Kasson, Sheila Lee, and Tina Rakes. Members of ICC's professional staff included its CEO Rick Weiland as well as Dominic Sims, David deCourcy, Sara Yerkes, James Tidwell, Mark Dinneen, Richard Kuchnicki, Laura Scott, Peter Feldman, and International Accreditation Services President Charles Ramani.

#### IN HONOR OF THE WELCOME HOME A HERO PROGRAM

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Welcome Home a Hero program at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. Every day, more than a hundred troops come through DFW on their way home from Iraq and Afghanistan for Rest and Recuperation. Since Welcome Home a Hero's inception in 2004, coordinated volunteers have gathered at the airport each day to greet our brave men and women serving our country and to make sure they receive the warm homecoming they have earned.

Welcome Home a Hero is a result of the dedication of the North Texas Commission, the employees at DFW International Airport, the USO, the Boy Scouts of America, local businesses and thousands of volunteers. This program is one of the largest and most effective community initiatives in north Texas, and its positive impact on the morale of our troops has not gone unnoticed.

As the 500,000th soldier arrives at DFW International Airport this month and the program approaches its 3-year anniversary, I want to thank all involved in this valuable effort. The dedicated and selfless participants of this valuable program are what make our country great.

The North Texas Commission, DFW Airport employees, the USO and all of the volunteers should be proud of their leadership and accomplishments. I am extremely grateful for their dedication to our troops and our country, and I applaud the people of north Texas for taking the initiative to create this program.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL METTS

#### HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2007*

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the many outstanding achievements of Mr. Michael Metts, the outgoing president of the Carlsbad Hi-